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SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN RAY ICELANDIC VISIT NOV 23/25

1. FOLLOWING IS PROGRAM FOR CHAIRMAN RAY NOV 23/25 AS DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY ICELANDIC-AMERICAN SOCIETY AND EMBASSY. ONE CHANGE IS THAT DINNER REPLACES BANQUET. DUE TO A NATIONWIDE WAITERS' STRIKE THE NOV 23 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BANQUET HAS HAD TO BE CANCELLED. A BLACK TIE DINNER FOR 22 SUBSTITUTES FOR THAT EVENT. WHILE REGRETTING UNAVOIDABLE CANCELLATION OF ANNUAL AFFAIR, EMBASSY PLEASED THAT PROGRAM AFFORDS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND GOVERNMENTAL CONTACT AS WELL AS PUBLIC EXPOSURE.

2. CHAIRMAN, SMITH, AND BENDER WILL BE MET AT KEFLAVIK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY ICELANDIC-AMERICAN SOCIETY PRESIDENT BJORN MATTHIASSEN AND ROBERT DICKERMAN, USIS REYKJAVIK PAO. ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AT LOFTLDIDIR HOTEL WITH A K SUITE FOR CHAIRMAN RAY. INFORMAL LUNCHEON AND BRIEFING HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AT 1:30 PM AT RESIDENCE ATTENDED BY AEC PARTY, AMBASSADOR, DICKERMAN AND ECONOMIC OFFICER DENNIS GOODMAN. LUNCHEON TIME CAN BE DELAYED IF PLANE'S ARRIVAL IS LATE.

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3. AT 4 PM AMBASSADOR WILL ESCORT AEC PARTY TO CALL ON ICELANDIC

MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES (AND ENERGY AFFAIRS) MAGNUS KJARTANSSON. SIGNING OF EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ARRANGEMENT WILL OCCUR DURING CALL. SIGNING WILL BE COVERED BY LOCAL MEDIA (CONSISTING OF FIVE DAILIES, RADIO AND TV).

4. BLACK TIE DINNER AT 7PM WILL BE HOSTED BY JONAS HARALZ, A DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF ICELAND AND MEMBER OF THE ICELANDIC-AMERICAN SOCIETY BOARD. AMERICAN GUESTS WILL BE AEC PARTY, AMBASSADOR AND MRS IRVING AND DICKERMANS. ICELANDIC GUESTS WILL BE BOARD MEMBERS AND SOME SCIENTISTS.

5. SATURDAY MORNING PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE VISIT TO MARINE BIOLOGY INSTITUTE, PRECEDED, POSSIBLY, BY TAPING OF A 10-15 MINUTE TV INTERVIEW (THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO TV PANEL SHOW). LUNCHEON PLANS INDEFINITE AS OF NOV 19.

16. CHAIRMAN RAY'S LECTURE ON "PERSPECTIVE ON ENERGY" WILL BE AT 2PM IN THE NORDIC HOUSE, REYKJAVIK'S PRINCIPAL FORUM FOR SUCH IMPORTANT LECTURES. LECTURE, WITH SUBSEQUENT QUESTION PERIOD, WILL CONCLUDE AT 4PM.

7. CHAIRMAN RAY WILL BE GUEST OF HONOR AT RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE AMBASSADOR AT THE RESIDENCE FROM 5:30 TO 7PM. THE APPROXIMATELY 75 GUESTS WILL INCLUDE SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE DEALING WITH ENERGY, APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AND ENERGY OFFICIALS, UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND ICELANDIC-AMERICAN SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS.

8. SATURDAY DINNER PLANS INDEFINITE AS OF NOV 19. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES KJARTANSSON WILL HOST A DINNER, IN WHICH CASE THIS WOULD BE BLACK TIE AFFAIR #2. OTHERWISE A SIMPLE AND INFORMAL BUFFET WILL BE HELD AT PAO RESIDENCE.

9. SUNDAY, WEATHER PERMITTING, AEC PARTY WILL BE FLOWN OVER SURTSEY AND TO WESTMANN ISLANDS TO VISIT WINTER'S ERUPTION SITE AND RESTORATION EFFORTS. IF WEATHER DOES NOT PERMIT FLYING, DAY WILL BE SPENT ON REYKJANES PENINSULA SOUTHWEST OF REYKJAVIK VISITING ICELAND'S TWO PRINCIPAL CURRENT GEOTHERMAL RESEARCH PROJECTS: THOSE AT HAFNIR AND GRINDAVIK. DEPARTURE FROM KEFLAVIK AIRPORT IS 1730 HOURS.

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10. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE WHEN SATURDAY LUNCHEON AND DINNER ARRANGEMENTS FIRM.
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